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FISHING IN CERTAIN WATERS OF ALASKA

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Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 1786]

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to which was referred the Act (H.R. 1786) to regulate fishing in certain waters of Alaska, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the Act do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE MEASURE

The purpose of H.R. 1786 is to regulate fishing in certain waters in Alaska.

BACKGROUND AND NEED

The ancestors of local residents who reside within the boundaries of the Katmai National Park have participated in the annual harvest of red fish from August to early October every year. When the Katmai National Park was designated a park in the 1930's, the local residents were prohibited from the taking of red fish except with a rod and reel.

This bill is the result of the work of the Alaska Federation of Natives, the Bristol Bay Native Association and the Department of the Interior, and would reinstate the taking of red fish for local residents by traditional means during the months of August through October.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

H.R. 1786 was introduced by Congressman Young on June 8, 1995. The House Resources Committee held a hearing on May 19, 1996. On June 26, 1996 the bill was reported out of Committee and on July 18, 1996 it was reported to the House and placed on the

calendar. Under suspension of the rules H.R. 1786 was passed by voice vote on July 30, 1996. The legislation was received in the Senate on July 31, 1996, read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

At the business meeting on September 12, 1996, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources ordered H.R. 1786, favorably reported.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND TABULATION OF VOTES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, in open business session on September 12, 1996, by unanimous consent of a quorum present, recommends that the Senate pass H.R. 1786, as described herein.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1—Descendants' land use

Section 1 defines the Katmai National Park and red fish.

Section 2—Effect on title and jurisdiction of tidal and submerged lands

Section 2 addresses the effect of title and jurisdiction of tidal and submerged lands within the Katmai National Park.

COST AND BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS

The following estimate of the cost of this measure has been provided by the Congressional Budget Office.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 13, 1996.

Hon. FRANK H. MURKOWSKI,
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed H.R. 1786, an act to regulate fishing in certain waters of Alaska, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on September 12, 1996. We estimate that implementing this legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget. H.R. 1786 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 1786 would allow certain Alaskan natives who live within the boundaries of the Katmai National Park to catch red fish (spawned-out sockeye salmon) on park property. Based on information provided by the National Park Service, we estimate that the agency's cost to promulgate and enforce any necessary fishing regulations would not be significant.

H.R. 1786 contains no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-4) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Deborah Reis.

Sincerely,

JAMES L. BLUM
(For June E. O'Neill, Director).

REGULATORY IMPACT EVALUATION

In compliance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee makes the following evaluation of the regulatory impact which would be incurred in carrying out H.R. 1786. The Act is not a regulatory measure in the sense of imposing Government-established standards or significant economic responsibilities on private individuals and businesses.

No personal information would be collected in administering the program. Therefore, there would be no impact on personal privacy.

Little, if any, additional paperwork would result from the enactment of H.R. 1786, as ordered reported.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee did not request any departmental reports or executive communications on H.R. 1786.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee notes that no changes in existing law are made by the Act, H.R. 1786, as ordered reported.

